## THE CLAIMS ARE:

5

10

15

20

- 1. A wax runner for use in forming a wax tree by fusing the wax pattern gates of wax patterns to the wax runner, the wax runner comprising:
- a branch of wax having two ends and including a head at one end and a tail at the other end; and
  - a plurality of risers located on the surface of the branch of the wax runner.
  - 2. A wax runner for use in forming a wax tree by fusing the wax pattern gates of wax patterns to a wax runner, the wax runner comprising:
- at least one branch of wax having two ends and at least one flat surface and including a head at one end and a tail at the opposite end; and risers located along the edges of the flat surface of each branch.
- 3. A wax runner according to claim 1 wherein each riser is a small rounded dam.
- 4. A wax runner according to claim 2 wherein each riser is a small rounded dam.
- 5. A wax runner according to claim 1 wherein the branch has a circular cross section.
- 6. A wax runner according to claim 2 wherein each branch has a rectangular cross section.
- 7. A wax runner for use in forming a wax tree by fusing wax pattern gates to the wax runner comprising:

one branch of wax having two ends and having a tail at one end

and a head at the other end.

at least one locator on the head and the tail, both locators being aligned with one another.

- 8. A wax runner according to claim 7 further including risers on the surface of the branch.
- 9. A wax runner according to claim 7 wherein the branch has a circular cross section.
- 10. A wax runner according to claim 7 with the branch has at least one flat surface, the flat surface having edges and having risers located along the edges.

5